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THE DIVE

ONE OF THE MIDTOWN GYMS...
HI, MAX! LOOKING FOR ANOTHER SUCKER FOR YOUR STABLE?
YOU KNOW ME--ALWAYS ON THE LOOKOUT! THAT'S WHY I'M WAY ON TOP!

WHO'S THE KID? NEVER SAW HIM BEFORE! NICE BUILD!
HE JUST STARTED COMING AROUND! STRICTLY A NOVICE! BUT HE HANDLES HIMSELF NICE! HERE HE COMES NOW...

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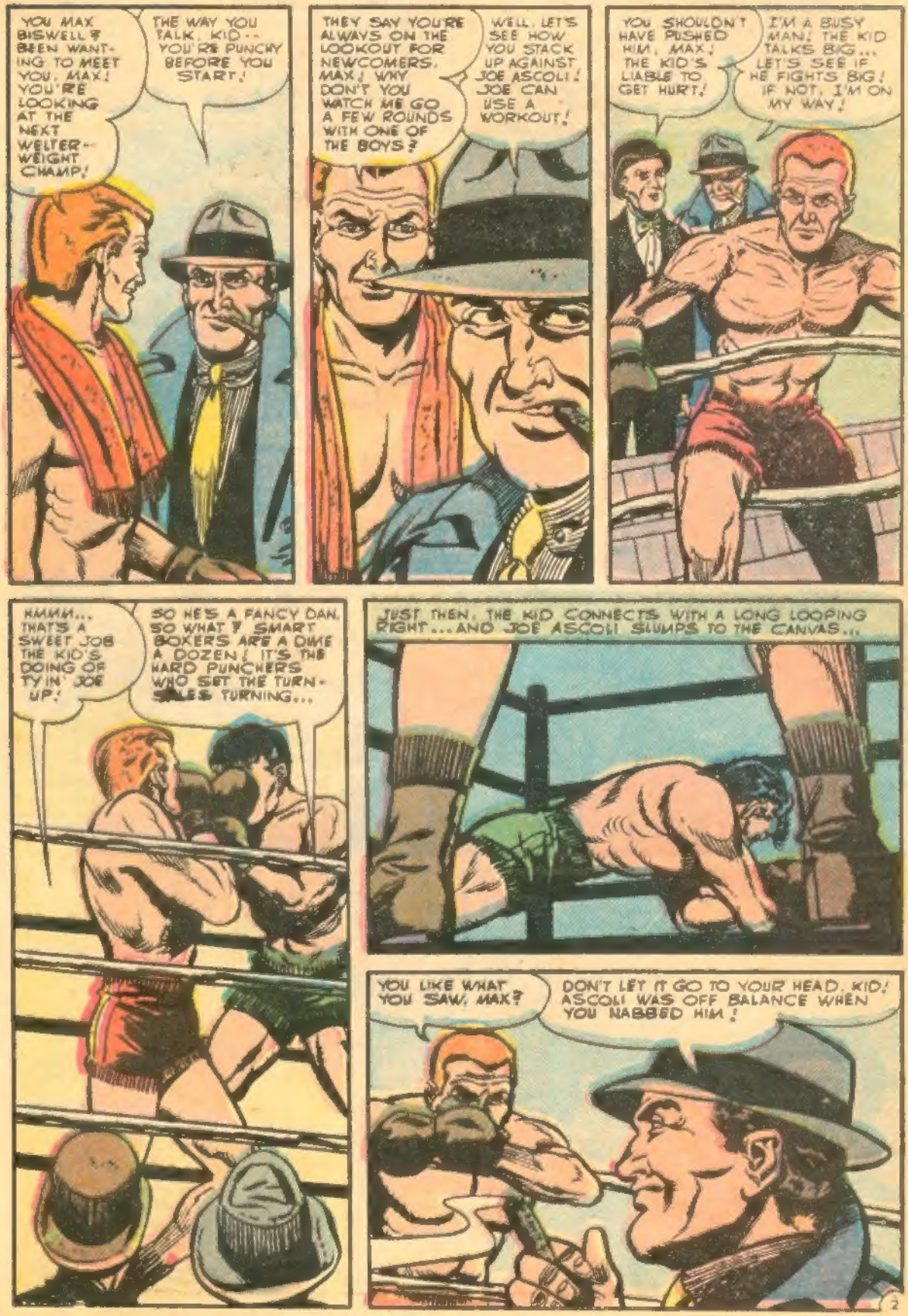
YOU MAX BISWELL? BEEN WANTING TO MEET YOU, MAX! YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE NEXT WELTER-WEIGHT CHAMP!
THE WAY YOU TALK, KID -- YOU'RE PUNCHY BEFORE YOU START!
THEY SAY YOU'RE ALWAYS ON THE LOOKOUT FOR NEWCOMERS, MAX! WHY DON'T YOU WATCH ME GO A FEW ROUNDS WITH ONE OF THE BOYS?
WELL, LET'S SEE HOW YOU STACK UP AGAINST JOE ASCOLI! JOE CAN USE A WORKOUT!
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE PUSHED HIM, MAX! THE KID'S LIABLE TO GET HURT!
I'M A BUSY MAN! THE KID TALKS BIG... LET'S SEE IF HE FIGHTS BIG! IF NOT, I'M ON MY WAY!
HMMM... THAT'S A SWEET JOB THE KID'S DOING OF TY IN' JOE UP!
SO HE'S A FANCY DAN. SO WHAT? SMART BOXERS ARE A DIME A DOZEN! IT'S THE HARD PUNCHERS WHO SET THE TURN-STILES TURNING...
JUST THEN, THE KID CONNECTS WITH A LONG LOOPING RIGHT... AND JOE ASCOLI SLUMPS TO THE CANVAS...
YOU LIKE WHAT YOU SAW, MAX?
DON'T LET IT GO TO YOUR HEAD, KID! ASCOLI WAS OFF BALANCE WHEN YOU NABBED HIM!

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BUT HERE'S ONE OF MY CARDS! DROP IN AT MY OFFICE THIS AFTERNOON! WE'LL TALK SOME MORE!
KID...
...I GOTTA TREAT MAX BISWELL CAREFUL -- HE'S TOO BIG FOR ME TO BAR HIM FROM THE GYM! BUT HE'S NO GOOD, KID! MAX BISWELL'S GOT A DOLLAR SIGN WHERE HIS HEART SHOULD BE! HE'S STRICTLY POISON FOR YOUNG FIGHTERS, KID! STEER CLEAR OF HIM!
THANKS. BUT I HAVE TO BE GOING. THE MAN GAVE ME HIS CARD!
LATER...
OH, IT'S YOU! TALK FAST! WHAT DO YOU WANT?
DON'T PULL THAT ON ME, MAX! YOU WANT SOMETHING! YOU LIKED WHAT YOU SAW IN THE GYM! THAT'S WHY YOU ASKED ME TO COME UP HERE!
KID HAS MOXIE -- HASN'T HE? BUT HE'S NOT TOO BAD WITH THE GLOVES -- AND WITH ME HANDLING HIM, HE MIGHT GO PLACES! WHAT'S YOUR NAME, KID?
TIGER JONES! THAT'S HOW YOU'LL BILL ME!
OKAY, TIGER -- SLAP YOUR PAWPRINT ON THIS CONTRACT! IT'S THE SAME I GIVE TO ALL MY BOYS!
SURE, MAX! IT'LL BE A REAL PLEASURE!
LATER, AFTER TIGER JONES SIGNED HIS CONTRACT AND LEFT...
DID YOU SEE THAT? HE DIDN'T EVEN READ WHAT HE SIGNED! I'VE GOT HIM TIED UP SO TIGHT, HE WON'T EVEN BE ABLE TO TAKE A DEEP BREATH WITHOUT MY SAY-SO!
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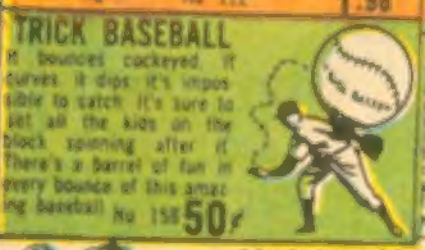

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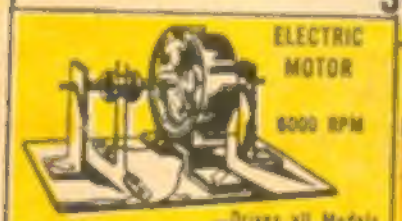

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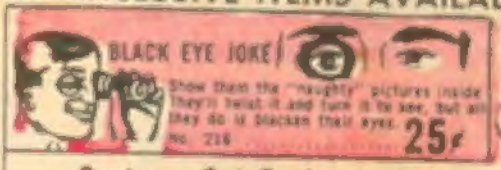

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SO TIGER JONES STARTS ROLLING! FIRST CLUB FIGHTS... THEN THE PARKWAY... THEN THE PRELIMS AT THE GARDEN! HE WINS 21 OUT OF 21, 13 BY KNOCKOUTS! AND THE FANS ARE ROOTING FOR HIM...
21 OUT OF 21... YOU'RE READY FOR THE BIG TIME, TIGER!
GUESS WHO MAX HAS LINED UP FOR YOUR NEXT FIGHT ON MARCH 12TH... ROCKY BANNER!
THAT NIGHT...
KID, FOR YOUR OWN SAKE, LISTEN TO ME! YOU'RE NOT READY FOR BANNER! DON'T LET MAX SIGN HIM!
I'M MAX'S BOY! MAX WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING TO HURT HIS BOY! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!
MARCH 12TH! AFTER THE BOUT WITH BANNER...
I-I LOST, MAX! I LOST REAL BAD! BUT WHY? YOU SAID I WAS READY FOR HIM!
THIS WAS THE BIG TEST, TIGER...
...AND YOU FLUNKED IT! ALL THOSE OTHER BOUTS WERE AGAINST SECOND-RATERS! YOU LOOKED GOOD... BUT YOU WERE FIGHTING SHADOWS! I HAD TO FIND OUT IF YOU REALLY HAD IT... AND NOW WE KNOW -- YOU'LL NEVER BE CHAMP!
...BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU STILL CAN'T MAKE BIG DOUGH!
WH-WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I...
RELAX -- HERE'S THE PICTURE! YOU HAD A LONG STRING OF WINS -- 21 OUT OF 21! THEN THE BEATING TONIGHT -- OKAY! SO NOW WE ANNOUNCE A COME-BACK! THE FANS GO FOR YOU... THEY'LL BE BETTING ON YOU ON YOUR NEXT FIGHT!

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SO WE'LL COVER THEIR BETS, YOU'LL TAKE A DIVE -- AND WE'LL WIND UP WITH BIG DOUGH!
Y-YOU WANT ME TO MAKE SURE I LOSE... IS THAT IT?
TIGER JONES
WHAT ELSE? THIS IS THE WAY TO MAKE DOUGH -- FAST!
WE'LL BET YOUR WHOLE PURSE AGAINST YOU, TIGER! THE ODDS'LL BE HIGH...
THE PAY-OFF FIGHT IS ABOUT TO START...
HOW WAS TIGER IN THE DRESSING ROOM? NERVOUS?
HE'S BEEN TOO BUSY COUNTING HIS DOUGH, MAX! BUT WAIT TILL YOU SHOVE THAT CONTRACT AT HIM THAT HE SIGNED WITHOUT READING, HE'LL STOP COUNTING!
AS THE BELL SOUNDED AND ROUND ONE BEGAN...
MAX -- WHAT'S TIGER DOING? HOW'S HE GOIN' TO MAKE THE DIVE LOOK GOOD BY STARTING SO HOT?
RELAX -- TIGER'S JUST GIVING THE SUCKERS A RUN FOR...
MAX, TH-THE TIGER JUST LANDED HIS SUNDAY PUNCH!
THE WINNER BY A KNOCKOUT -- TIGER JONES!

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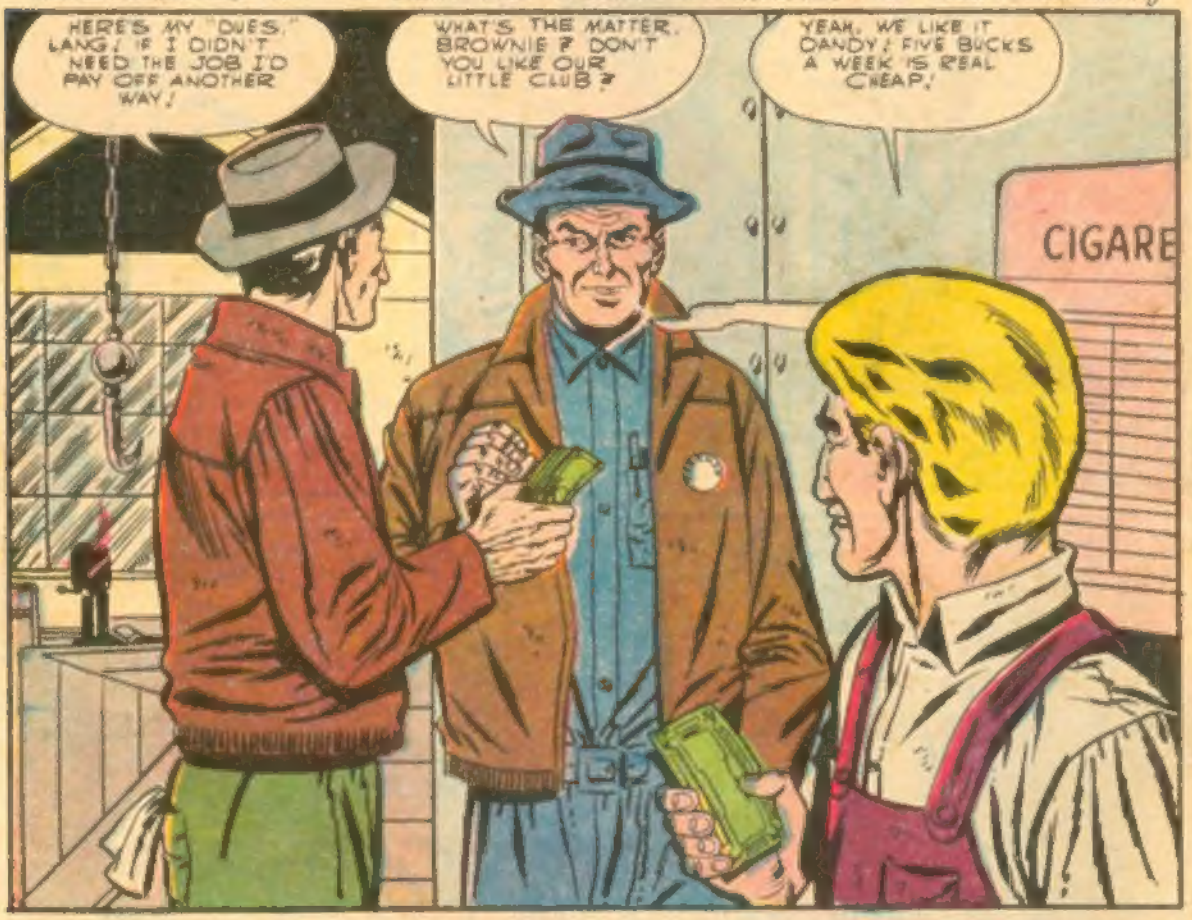
LATER -- IN THE DRESSING ROOM.
SEE HOW I TAGGED HIM, MAX? HOW'D YOU LIKE...
AFTER I TOLD YOU TO TAKE A DIVE...AFTER I PLUNKED DOWN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR YOU TO LOSE -- AND NOW YOU ASK ME HOW'D I LIKE IT? WHY I'LL...
HEY!
YOU'VE HAD IT, BISWELL! WE'VE BEEN WAITING A LONG TIME TO HEAR YOU MAKE THAT LITTLE SPEECH...AND NOW THAT WE'VE HEARD IT, THE FIGHT GAME'S GOING TO SMELL A LITTLE CLEANER!
MAX -- LOOK AT THE TIGER! HE'S SMILING -- HE'S IN WITH THE COPS!
YOU ONCE HANDLED AN UNCLE OF MINE, MAX! HE WAS A SWEET FIGHTER! YOU BROUGHT HIM ALONG FINE FOR A WHILE, THEN - JUST LIKE WITH ME - YOU OVER-MATCHED HIM, AND YOU TALKED HIM INTO TAKING A DIVE! HE CAME SOME AFTERWARD, BUT HE WAS ALL BUSTED UP WITH SHAME...
HE'D BEEN MY HERO... HE'D STARTED ME BOXING! BUT THEN ONCE WHEN HE HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK, HE TOLD ME ALL ABOUT YOU, MAX! WHAT YOU'D DONE TO HIM AND A DOZEN OTHER YOUNG BOXERS AND HOW CUTE YOU WERE, SO YOU WOULDN'T GET CAUGHT!
... THAT'S WHEN I SWORE I'D GET YOU FOR A MANAGER, AND I'D MAKE OUT I WAS PLAYING ALONG SO I COULD SET UP WHAT HAPPENED TONIGHT... SO THE COPS WOULD BE HERE WHEN YOU SPILLED EVERYTHING! YOU'RE GOING TO PAY, MAX, FOR ALL THOSE YEARS...
... THAT YOU TWISTED A SPORT INTO A ROTTEN RACKET, THE LAW IS GOING TO MAKE YOU PAY, MAX, WITH PLENTY OF YEARS BEHIND BARS!
The END

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

The KICKBACK CLUB

ON MY JOB, I RUN INTO DIFFERENT KINDS OF HUMAN JACKALS... BUT I REALLY BLAZED WHEN I LEARNED ABOUT GEORGE LANG'S JUICY LITTLE SCHEME! ANY MAN LOW ENOUGH TO TAKE A MAN'S LIVELIHOOD AWAY IF HE DIDN'T KICK IN DESERVES ***EXACTLY*** WHAT LANG FINALLY GOT! 8


HERE'S MY "DUES," LANG! IF I DIDN'T NEED THE JOB I'D PAY OFF ANOTHER WAY!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, BROWNIE? DON'T YOU LIKE OUR LITTLE CLUB?
YEAH, WE LIKE IT DANDY! FIVE BUCKS A WEEK IS REAL CHEAP!
CIGARE

LANG HAD A CHARTER... AND THE LANG SOCIAL CLUB REALLY DID EXIST! THE MEMBERSHIP WAS COMPOSED ENTIRELY OF MEN WHOSE JOBS DEPENDED ON LANG'S APPROVAL...
LANG SOCIAL CLUB

YOU SAID MY WORK IS UNSATISFACTORY? HOW? IT WAS GOOD EVERY OTHER PLACE I WORKED!
I DON'T WANT AN ARGUMENT, DOWD! EITHER YOU IMPROVE YOUR WORK OR I'LL SEE YOU GET A PINK SLIP IN YOUR PAY ENVELOPE!

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THAT'S THE START I'VE HEARD, MAC! SAY DON'T YOU EVER DO THIS BEFORE?
NOPE! HE ASKED ME IF I CAN RUN ONE I CAN BE SOMEONE SHOWS ME HOW.
I GUESS I'LL BE FIRED BEFORE I START, HUH?
NOT IF YOU JOIN THE KICK-BACK CLUB. HERE COMES LANG NOW.
I'M A LITTLE PUSHY AT TIMES AND, BUT I HOPE YOU GIVE ME A CHANCE ON THE JOB.
SURE THING. SHOW HIM AROUND AND MAKE HIM HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU.
I DON'T HAVE TO LOOK FOR WEXLER... HE FOUND ME...
OH YOU'RE WEXLER, EH?
THIS WON'T TAKE LONG; I JUST WANTED TO GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO JOIN OUR SOCIAL CLUB. THE DUES ARE A FIN A WEEK.
SOCIAL CLUB? I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR...
OUR CLUB DOESN'T TAKE TIME. SO ALL WE JUST TAKE MONEY! FIVE A WEEK OR YOU LOSE YOUR JOB!
WHAT KIND OF A SUCKER DO YOU THINK I AM?
I'LL BE A SUCKER ONE FIVE SPOT AND THAT'S ALL I'LL HAVE BUCKS.

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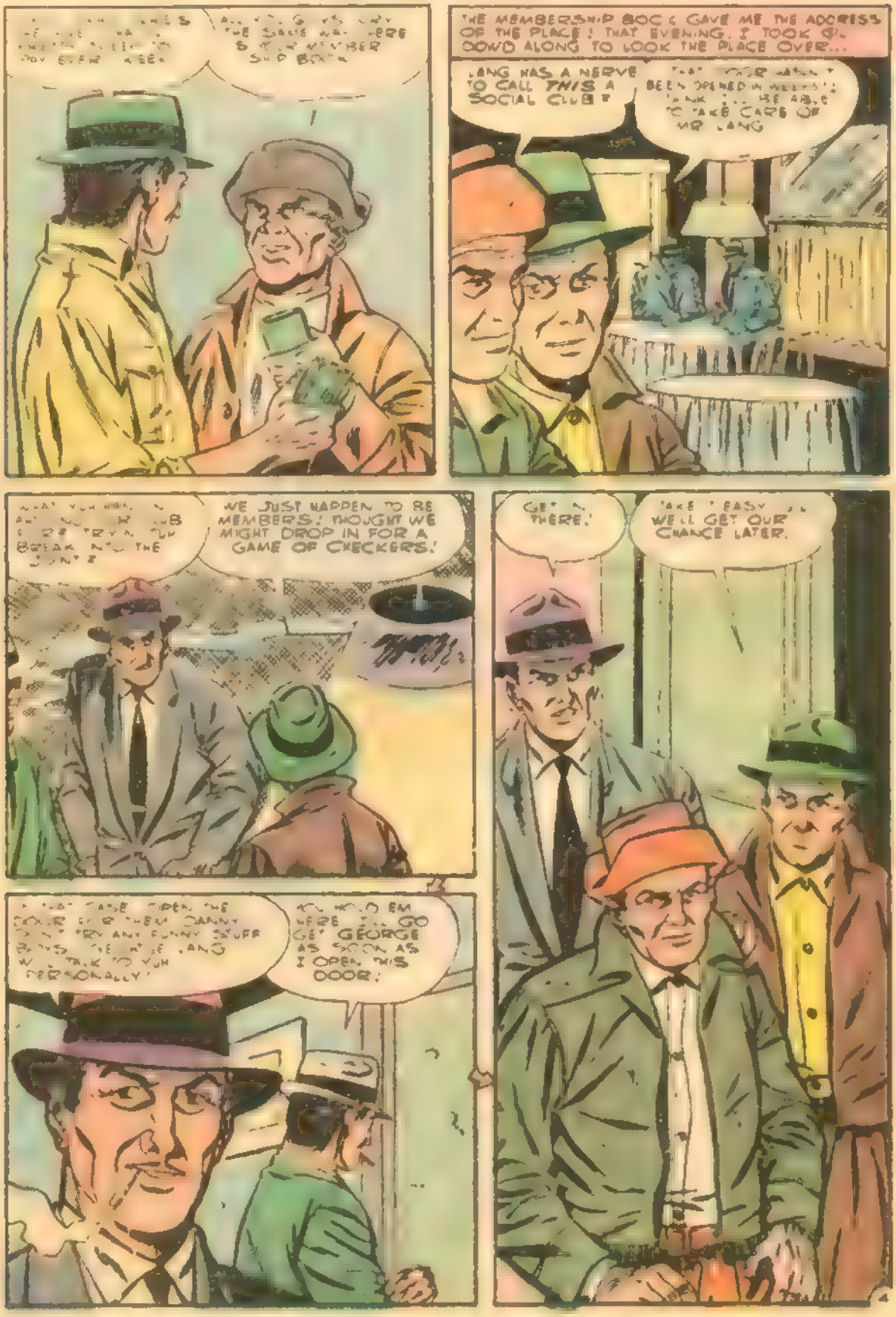
THE MEMBERSHIP BOOK GAVE ME THE ADDRESS OF THE PLACE! THAT EVENING, I TOOK O'DOWD ALONG TO LOOK THE PLACE OVER...
LANG HAS A NERVE TO CALL THIS A SOCIAL CLUB!
WE JUST HAPPEN TO BE MEMBERS! THOUGHT WE MIGHT DROP IN FOR A GAME OF CHECKERS!
GET IN THERE!
TAKE IT EASY... WE'LL GET OUR CHANCE LATER.
YOU WATCH 'EM HERE... I'LL GO GET GEORGE AS SOON AS I OPEN THIS DOOR!

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HOLD IT GIL! WAIT TILL LANG GETS HERE!
YEAH YOU BETTER LISTEN TO YOUR FRIEND BUD!
TWO BRIGHT BOYS HAD TO COME SNOOPIN' AROUND! AFTER WE GET THROUGH WITH YOU THE REST OF THE GUYS WILL KNOW BETTER THAN TO COMPLAIN.
I'M SORRY TO SPOIL YOUR PARTY BUT FRIENDS ARE UNDER ARREST
A COP! WHAT'S THE CHARGE?
WAIT A MINUTE BOYS! I DON'T WANT TROUBLE WITH THE LAW
I MOVED WHILE THE GUN GUY HESITATED AND GIL DIVED FOR LANG...
DROP THAT GUN NOW!
THAT WAS NEAT DAVE.
THIS CORNY SECOND RATE GUY DIDN'T EVEN HAVE THE AUTOMATIC COCKED TO FIRE.
THE RACKET SQUAD DEFERRED ENGLISH LEADERS AGAINST DESTROYING TRUCKS OF MILITARY GOODS AND WHILE AND WE FOUND THE BANK ACCOUNT WHERE HE STASHED THE STOLEN MONEY...
AND WHILE YOU'RE SERVING THE SENTENCE IT MAY COME OUT YOU KNOW THAT THE MONEY YOU STOLE WAS TO BE USED TO BUY THE EMBALMEN FOR THE VETS AT THE FACTORY
THE END

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Memory Machine

William J. Schram, head of the United Anti-Crime League, pounded his hand heavily on the wooden desk in the main room of the City Hall. And there wasn't the slightest doubt that he was angry. This time he could back up his words with actions.

Mayor Alton, he half shouted, the time has passed for words. What this city wants is action! Every newspaper is backing my organization in its demand that you get rid of the Number Rackets. We will no longer tolerate the way that Jack Florin and his boys flaunt the law. Unless you find a way to smash them, then you might as well consider yourself a dead political duck. You will never hold any office in this city or state."

His Honor, John Percival Alton was conscious of the little drops of perspiration that were forming on his forehead. He was searching for the right words to use as an answer when his brother-in-law, Walter Chestler replied.

Why do you always pick on the Mayor? Leave him alone!"

You big overstuffed elephant, snapped back Mr. Schram,"if you had an ounce of sense in your head you would be a moron. Get out of here before I lose my temper.

The big bulk of human flesh slowly rose from the chair and left the room. The Mayor sighed.

"My sister had to go and marry that creature. Now, with him out of here I can think a little clearer. I am going to visit the Anti-Racket Bureau and see if they can help. And I am not going over the head of my own police department. Chief Garrison and I discussed this matter last week. In fact, this afternoon at four I have an appointment to talk over the situation with the head of the Anti Racket Bureau, Michael Benson.

The famous racket buster was in his office when the Mayor entered. He greeted him and then came right to the point.

Under our grant of power, we can enter on our own initiative when there is a federal law involved or when inter state commerce, business, or activity is concerned. We can also enter upon the request of any local state subdivision. You have made the request and we will throw all the power and force of our bureau behind you. But it won't be easy. We are well aware of the fact that this Jack Florin has an entirely new gimmick in the numbers racket. Tomorrow one of my operatives will place a bet and then report to me.

It was about three in the afternoon. An automobile was parked on a side street. A thin nervous man was at the wheel of the car. Jack Florin himself was standing next to his car. A woman came up to him and handed him a dollar bill.

One day on number 376. Last night I had a dream and saw that number on a door. So it must be right. My name is Hilda Schmidt. I live at 45 East Pine Street."

Jack Florin took the dollar bill and pocketed it. What he did not know was that in the apartment house across the street, an operative of the Anti-Racket Bureau was taking movies of various people placing bets. Another operative was clocking the number of people betting.

An old man came up to Jack Florin and handed him five dollars.

My name is Pete Burns. I live at the Wellington Arms Hotel on Main Street. I saw on my taxi meter the number 7623. Place my bet on that number."

Jack Florin took the bet and then made a rather observant remark that had its effect.

"I never saw you before. I think you are a cop. But I'll take the money. Without any policy slip you can't prove a thing on me.

The next day Michael Benson showed the film to Chief Garrison and then gave him some facts.

"Three hundred and ten people placed bets with Jack Florin. He suspected my operatives. You can't get a conviction unless you get the evidence. No policy slips are given to the people. Yet he pays off the winners. There are two other ways in which this could be done. He could have a wire recorder concealed

ed in that car. Or a special short wave transmitter might be used. Pick up that car tomorrow morning on some traffic technicality. Take the car to your police garage. I will have some of my specialists go over the car. If we have to strip it down and take it apart, bolt by bolt, we will do so."

The next morning, Patrolman Frank Henderson made the arrest. He opened his traffic book of regulations and pointed out that the car was parked in a one hour restricted zone.

Who ever heard of it?" protested Jack Florin. "I'll go with you. But I'll be out as soon as I contact my lawyer."

They went over that car from top to bottom. And neither a wire or tape recorder could be found. Nor any kind of a transmitter. Michael Benson was puzzled and then Chief Garrison came to him with a bit of cheerful news.

"The desk sergeant says he is sure he saw the driver of that car before. His name is Herbert Fortgang. We have his address and we even got a set of his prints. He was thirsty and we gave him a glass of water. He fell for that old trick. Send the prints to Washington on an A-1 priority and see what we can learn by tomorrow. Meanwhile the sergeant is checking mug shots."

But the report came back: "No Record". And Michael Benson had the sergeant, Thomas J. Nolan brought to his office.

"If you can only give us some inkling where you saw that driver, we might be able to smash this racket. Somehow they have a way of keeping a record of names, numbers, and bets and we can't find out how they do it. Maybe they have a memory machine."

"That's it!" shouted the police officer. "The guy was a memory machine. I saw him three years ago with the Kingston & Willis Circus out in Illinois. Went there on my vacation to visit my sister. Went to the circus one evening. They had a lot of side shows. This guy would have every person give the name, when born, the address, and a number. Then he would repeat everything."

Michael Benson smiled. For now he had the clue to the racket. He at once called the police commissioner and told him to come over. They would work out a plan. And when the Police Commissioner arrived, Michael Benson, informed him of what was going to take place.

"Herbert Fortgang's real name is Sidney Dodd. He never filed an income tax return. So we get him on that. With him out of the picture, Jack Florin has to fold up. We are picking up the Memory Machine right now."

It was five that afternoon when Michael Benson got bad news from the Police Commissioner.

"Somebody shot Jack Florin. Why? Go figure that one out. Sure, the racket is busted. But a killer is a killer. Even if his victim is a gangster. Ballistics is getting me a report. It won't be of much value unless we get the murder gun. And the only way we really can get that gun is to find the killer himself."

The next day everything was wonderful at City Hall. William J. Schram, head of the United Anti Crime League was full of smiles as he spoke to the mayor.

"We think it was a very sensible move of yours going to the Anti-Racket Bureau. The career of Jack Florin is ended. However there must be eternal vigilance against others who in the future may try different rackets."

He turned to Michael Benson who was present with the police commissioner and added.

"As long as there are capable men to enforce our laws and to get the criminals, we will all be safe. But how did Jack Florin work his racket?"

Walter Chestler was reclining in a chair and had to stick in his two cents of advice.

"They got a fellow from the circus who was a Memory Machine to remember all the bets."

"How do you know that?" snapped back the ever alert Michael Benson. "We didn't release that fact to either the newspapers or the radio."

Suddenly the man squirmed as if caught in a trap. The Police Commissioner made the logical conclusion.

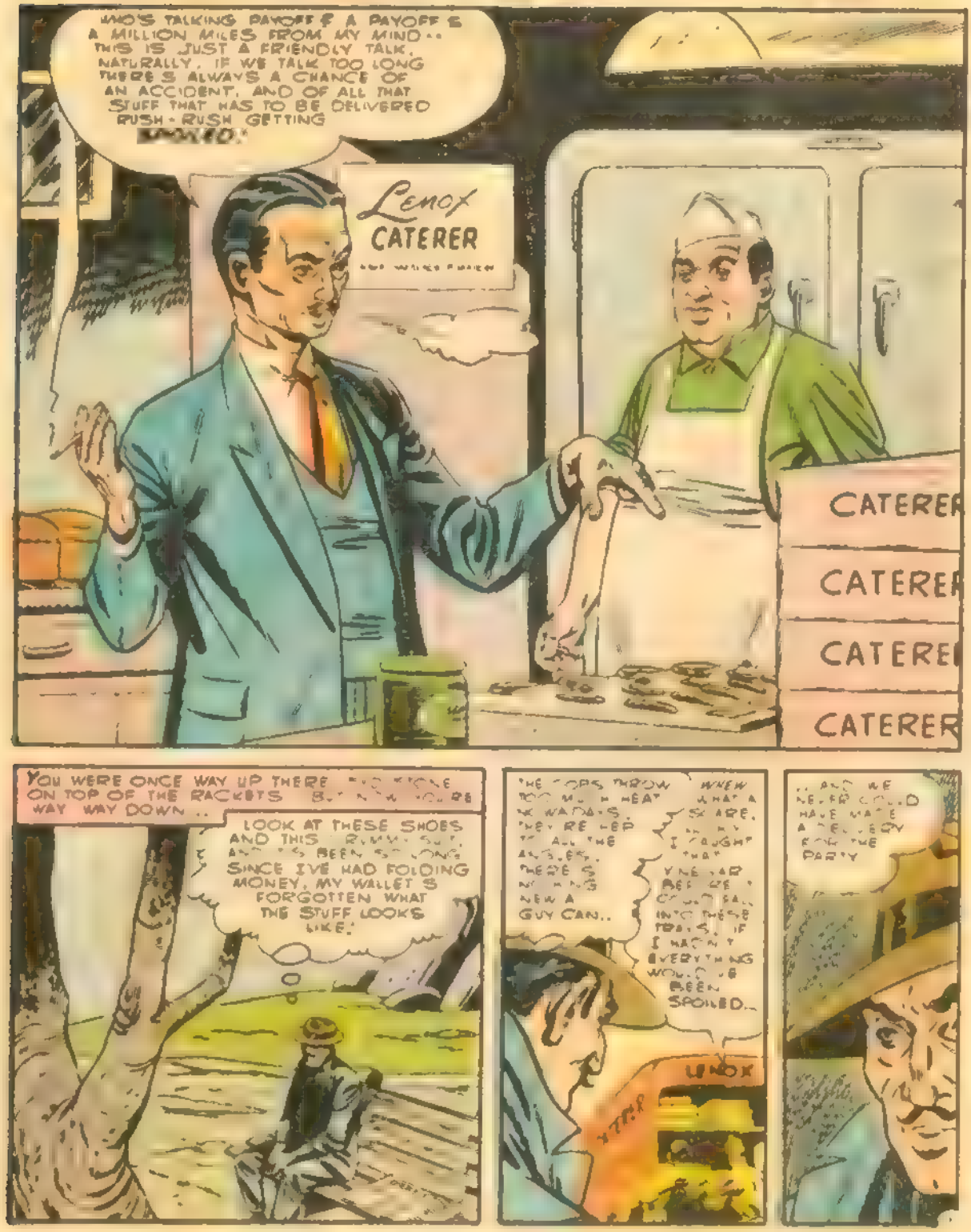
"Then you must be the brains behind it all. You killed Jack Florin because the game was up with the Memory Machine arrested and out of use. With Florin out of the way, nobody would ever suspect you."

Walter Chestler went for the concealed gun he carried but never made it. For the greatest crime of all is murder and the penalty for that is inevitable.

— The End —

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

THE SPOILER


WHO'S TALKING PAYOFF? A PAYOFF IS A MILLION MILES FROM MY MIND.. THIS IS JUST A FRIENDLY TALK, NATURALLY. IF WE TALK TOO LONG THERE'S ALWAYS A CHANCE OF AN ACCIDENT, AND OF ALL THAT STUFF THAT HAS TO BE DELIVERED RUSH - RUSH GETTING
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YOU WERE ONCE WAY UP THERE ON TOP OF THE RACKETS BUT NOW YOU'RE WAY WAY DOWN..
LOOK AT THESE SHOES AND THIS SUIT! AND IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I'VE HAD FOLDING MONEY, MY WALLET'S FORGOTTEN WHAT THE STUFF LOOKS LIKE!
THE COPS THROW TOO MUCH HEAT ON RACKETS. THEY'RE HEP TO ALL THE ANGLES. THERE'S NOTHING NEW A GUY CAN..
WHEW! WHAT A SCARE. I THOUGHT THAT WISE GUY WAS GOING TO FALL INTO THESE TRAPS. IF I HADN'T, EVERYTHING WOULD'VE BEEN SPOILED..
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..AND WE NEVER COULD HAVE MADE A DELIVERY FOR THE PARTY
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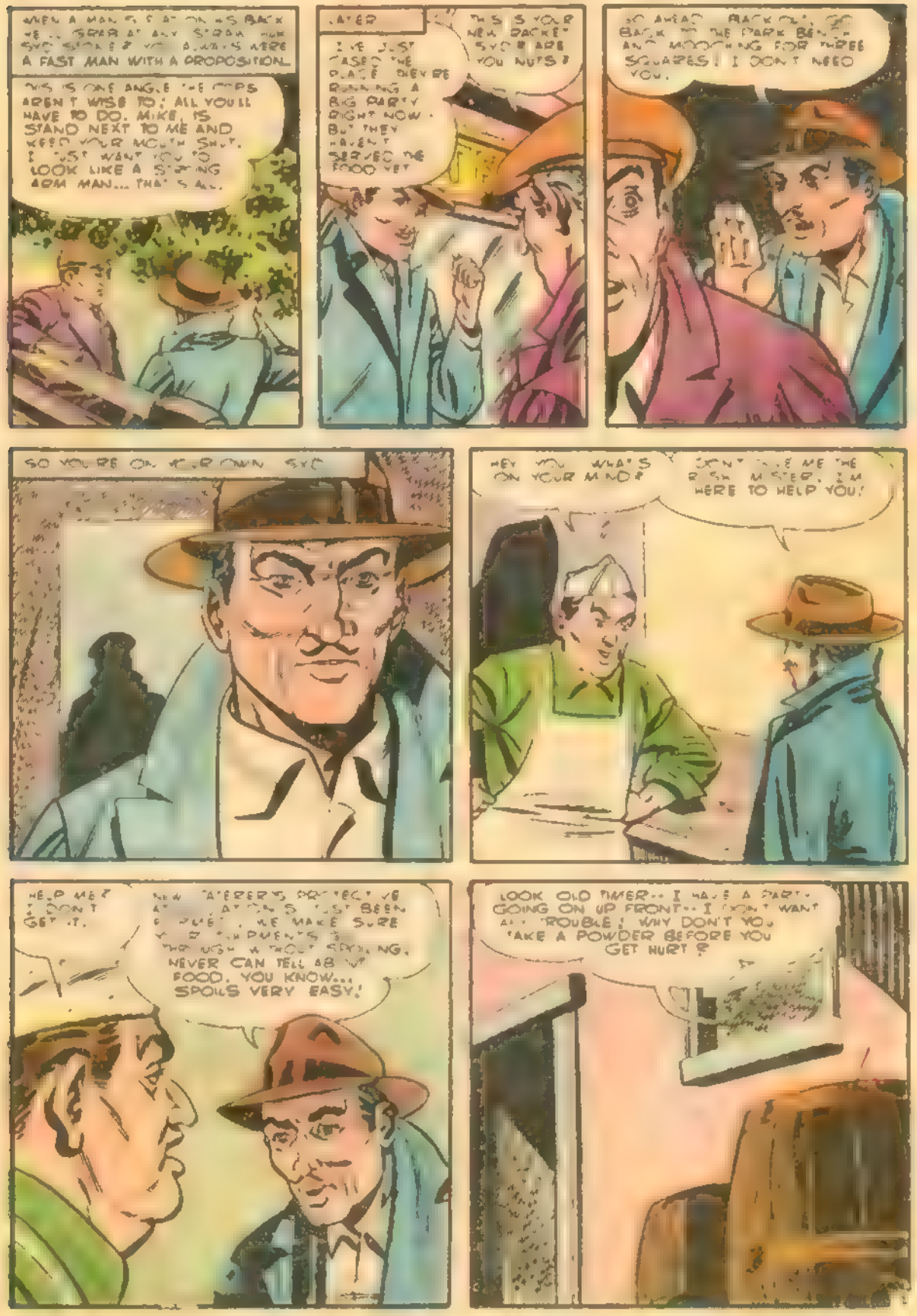
RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION


WHEN A MAN IS SITTING ON HIS BACK IN... SPEAK OF ANY STORM HOW SWIFT IT MAY BE... YOU ALWAYS WERE A FAST MAN WITH A PROPOSITION.
THIS IS ONE ANGLE THE COPS AREN'T WISE TO; ALL YOU'LL HAVE TO DO, MIKE, IS STAND NEXT TO ME AND KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT. I JUST WANT YOU TO LOOK LIKE A STRONG ARM MAN... THAT'S ALL.
LATER
I'VE JUST LEASED THE PLACE THEY'RE RUNNING A BIG PARTY RIGHT NOW. BUT THEY HAVEN'T SERVED THE FOOD YET
THIS IS YOUR NEW RACKET? SYD, ARE YOU NUTS?
GO AHEAD BACK OUT. GO BACK TO THE PARK BENCH AND MOOCH FOR THREE SQUARES! I DON'T NEED YOU.
SO YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN SYD
HEY YOU WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?
DON'T TELL ME THE BOSS MISTER, I'M HERE TO HELP YOU!
HELP ME? I DON'T GET IT.
NEW WATERERS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION'S JUST BEEN FORMED, WE MAKE SURE YOUR CUSTOMERS THROUGH WATERING, NEVER CAN TELL ABOUT FOOD. YOU KNOW... SPOILS VERY EASY!
LOOK OLD TIMER.. I HAVE A PARTY GOING ON UP FRONT.. I DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE! WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A POWDER BEFORE YOU GET HURT?

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

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I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO JOIN UP ANY MORE. I'M GOING TO MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF YOU AND ALL THE OTHERS WHO CALL THEMSELVES MINE.
HEY!
WHAT'S HE DOING BACK HERE?
I DON'T WANT TO BREAK UP THE GANG, BUT I THOUGHT HE WAS STARTING A NEW RACKET, THREATENED TO SPOIL MY...
SYD STONE!
LT. DOLAN... OF THE RACKET SQUAD WANTS TO SEE YOUR PARTY?
THAT'S RIGHT, TESTIMONIAL DINNER... I'M RETIRING! BUT MY PAPERS DON'T GO THROUGH TILL TOMORROW... SO LOOKS LIKE I'LL GET CREDIT FOR ONE MORE ARREST! AND THIS ONE I CAN MAKE WITH MY EYES CLOSED SYD STONE--I'VE BOOKED YOU SO OFTEN!
I MEAN HE WAS A RACKET BOY! I THOUGHT HE WAS A HARMLESS OLD NUT.
SYD STONE'S A NUT ALL RIGHT WE ALL THE REST OF 'EM AND TRY TO STEAL UP ANNIES INSTEAD OF MAKING THEIR MONEY THE HONEST WAY. BUT SYD'S PAST STRAIGHTENING OUT... HE'S SO A FEW YEARS...
...HE KEEPS FORGETTING THAT THIS FOOD-SPOILING RACKET IS AS OLD AS THE HILLS! MATTER OF FACT... IT WAS WHAT HE WAS FIRST SENT UP FOR YEARS AGO.. BUT SYD FORGETS.. AND EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE IT HITS HIM LIKE SOMETHING BRAND NEW & THEY RACE EVER GETS HIM TO S UP THE RIVER.
THE END

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MR. NUMBERS

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

AFTER THE WORKINGS ARE ALL OVER—
SMALL CHANGE—BUT IT ADDS UP! AND IT KEEPS COMING IN STEADY EVERY DAY! AND NOBODY BOTHERS ME—THAT'S THE BEAUTY PART!
OTHER GUYS ARE JUST RACKETEERS! AFTER THEY'VE MADE THEIR BIG SCORE THEY'RE THROUGH—BUT NOT ME! I'M ON THE JOB EVERY DAY—SO I KEEP RUNNING MY OWN OPERATION!
THIS ONE'S MINE! I'VE BUILT UP A BIG CONCESSIONAIRE OPERATION—AND YOU NEVER HEARD OF IT YET!... IT'S ALL MINE!
YOU NEED SOME DOUGH FOR THE TABLE?
I DON'T WANT YOUR MONEY! I'D RATHER TALK IN THE STREET JUST NOW. I HEAR HOW YOU MAKE THAT MONEY..!
I MEAN THE NUMBERS—NO ONE GAVE IT RUNNING? PRETTY SLICK—BUT BETTER—SMART—I HAD IT IN ME—HUH? SO SO BAD!
BUT YOU KNOW!... KEEP YOUR NO GOOD MONEY! I DON'T WANT IT!
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RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

BODY JUST BETS A NICKEL OR A DIME...! AND THE BIGGER BETS KEEP THEM GOING ALL DAY...! ALL DAY THEY'RE DOING BUSINESS, NOT OUT THE BANK, FOR THEY KNOW THEY'RE BUYING A BIG CHUNK OF HOPE...!
DON'T YOU SEE MOM?... I'M DOING THEM A FAVOR!
ALWAYS YOU COULD MAKE FINE SPEECHES. BUT WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS WRONG! THE LAW SAYS NUMBER PLAYING WRONG!
I NO WANT YOUR MONEY. I BUY ENOUGH FOOD .. WITH HONEST MONEY!
THOSE ARE OLD COUNTRY IDEAS! GOOD MORAL... NO GOOD MONEY!! AS LONG AS IT'S GREEN MONEY AND IT CAN BUY STUFF... THAT'S ALL THAT COUNTS!
IS SOME AIR. MAYBE PICK UP SOME MORE BETS...!
HEY YOU!

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

WHAT'S A GUY'S BUSINESS DON'T HE?
HE'S A REAL CLEAN TYPE
HERE HE IS BOSS... JUST LIKE YOU ORDERED.
I'LL LEAVE YOU TWO ALONE SO YOU CAN MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE.
BEEN HEARING LOTS ABOUT YOU TED. YOU SOUND LIKE A REAL BRIGHT BOY ONLY TROUBLE IS THAT I'VE HEARD TOO MUCH ABOUT YOU MOVING IN YOUR AREA AND YOU DON'T LIKE COMPETITION, DO YOU? WELL I DON'T WANT TO DO BUSINESS WITH YOU BUT I'LL GIVE YOU ONE CHANCE TO WORK ALONGSIDE OF MY RUNNERS.
YOU WHAT! A GUY'S A RUNNER HE NEVER KNOWS WHO THE LEADER IS. HE NEVER GETS TO THE TOP. IT'S A ONE MAN OPERATION
THAT'S ON YOU FER-GET ABOUT IT. THEN I CAN JUST SAY GOODBY.
B... B... GOODBY, I SAID.
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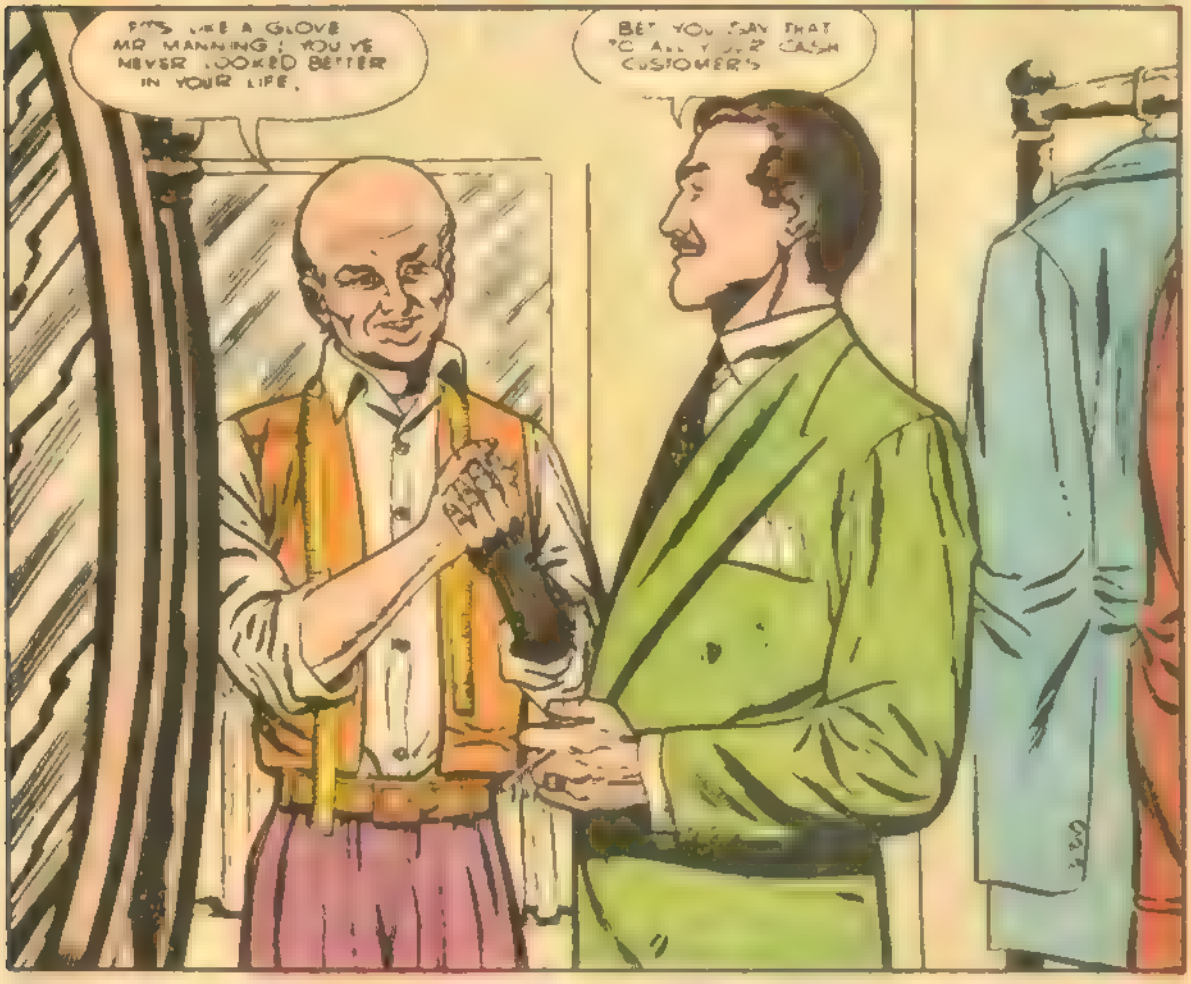
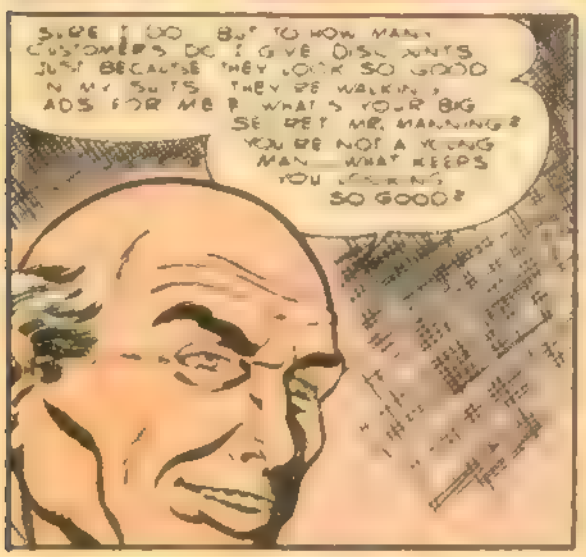
The SOFTEST TOUCH




SURE I DO BUT TO HOW MANY CUSTOMERS DO I GIVE DISCOUNTS JUST BECAUSE THEY LOOK SO GOOD IN MY SUITS THEY'RE WALKIN' ADS FOR ME ! WHAT'S YOUR BIG SECRET MR. MANNING ? YOU'RE NOT A YOUNG MAN — WHAT KEEPS YOU LOOKING SO GOOD ?

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

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NT HELP OVERHEARING
NOW! IF YOU NEED CASH
AN EMERGENCY, I'D
BE GLAD TO..
I DON'T NEED
IT BUT
I'D NEVER
PLEASE GAYLORD.. IT WOULD MAKE ME FEEL SO GOOD TO BE ABLE TO HELP THE MAN WHO TAUGHT ME TO LAUGH AGAIN! YOU'RE NOT A STRANGER OR A
ONCE
RISK
WELL I WOULDN'T WANT TO HURT YOU MY DEAR
AND SO, WITH THE CHECK TUCKED IN HIS WALLET...
THANKS A MILLION.. BE SEEING YOU!
BUT ONCE GAYLORD MANNING CASHED THAT CHECK, SHE NEVER SAW HIM AGAIN...
MANNING! I'M SLOAN OF THE RACKET SQUAD!
I HOPE FOR YOUR SAKE THAT YOU'RE NOT PLANNING AN ARREST, MR. SLOAN. YOU'D NEVER GET AN INDICTMENT, YOU KNOW!
WE CAN'T TOUCH YOU, YES, MANNING! BUT THIS IS A WARNING! YOU'RE WALKING ON A SWINGING TIGHT ROPE. KEEP IT UP AND YOU'LL FALL HARD.

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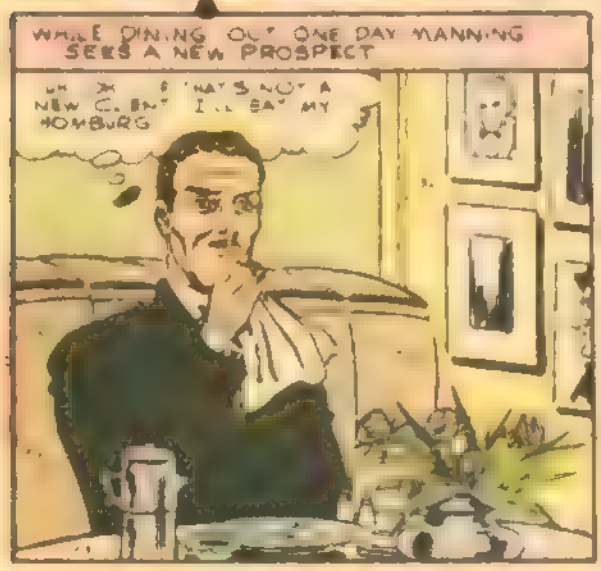
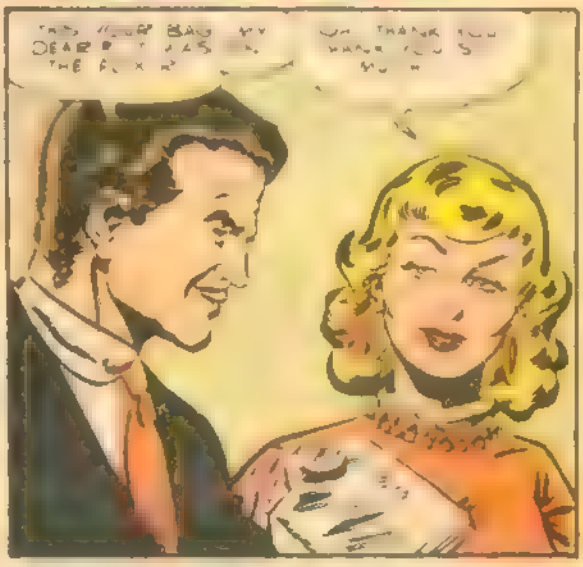
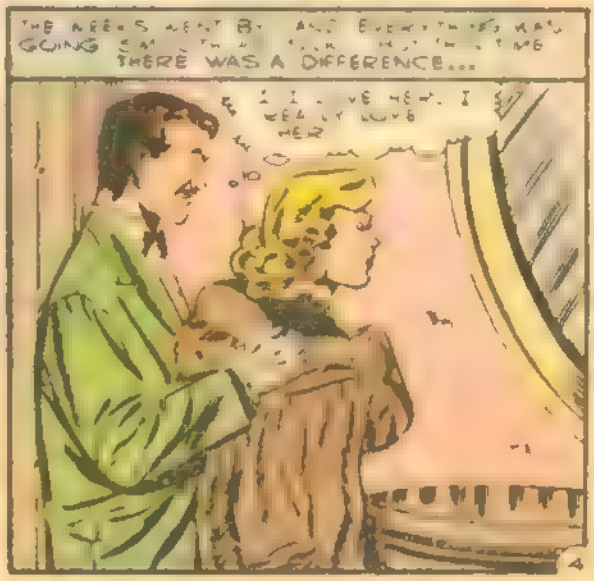
RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

YOU'RE SMILING MANNING ... YOU THINK YOU HAVE THE WORLD BY THE TAIL! BUT WHETHER OR NOT YOU BELIEVE IT NOW, YOUR GRAVY BOAT RUN'S DRY FOREVER IF YOU KEEP UP WITH THAT SORT OF THING YOU'RE DOING AND YOU'LL WIND UP BEHIND THE EIGHT BALL! IT NEVER FAILS.





HER NAME WAS MARIA MONROE SHE WAS BEAUTIFUL CHARMING AND OOZING GREEN BACKS AT EVERY PORE...
ARE YOU ALONE? MAY I SIT DOWN?
PLEASE DO!



RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

THAT NIGHT...
I DON'T WANT MAYA'S MONEY! I-I WANT TO MARRY HER... TO SETTLE DOWN AND LIVE WITH HER FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE! BUT WHAT IF SHE EVER FINDS OUT HOW I'VE BEEN MAKING MY MONEY?

HE'D NEVER MET A WOMAN WHOM HE COULDN'T TWIST AROUND HIS LITTLE FINGER! THAT WAS WHY HE WAS SURE MAYA LOVED HIM TOO! SO...
I'M GOING TO DO SOMETHING I'VE NEVER DONE BEFORE! I'M GOING TO PLAY THIS STRAIGHT! I-I'M NOT THE RICH MAN I'VE MADE MYSELF OUT TO BE! BUT, I LOVE YOU, MAYA, AND IF...

HIS PRETTY SPEECH WAS CUT OFF BY HER HARSH LAUGH...
WANT TO HEAR SOMETHING? I'M NOT THE RICH WOMAN I'VE MADE MYSELF TO BE! WE'RE BOTH IN THE SAME RACKET! BUT NOW THAT WE KNOW OUR WIRES GOT CROSSED... LET'S SAY A FAST GOODBYE AND GO LOOKING FOR REAL SUCKERS!

THE TIGHTROPE HAD BUCKLED UNDER HIM! HE HAD FALLEN... HARD! THE ONE WOMAN HE LOVED HAD TURNED OUT TO BE AS CROOKED AND HEARTLESS AS HIMSELF! AFTER THAT NIGHT, GAYLORD MANNING WAS A BROKEN MAN... HE NEVER STOPPED FALLING...

YOU WERE RIGHT! A MAN CAN'T KEEP DOING WRONG... AND GET AWAY WITH IT FOREVER! I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD HAPPEN ..... BUT NOW (sob) I KNOW!
The END

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BOY! IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG WHAT A BUILD NOW I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT BULLY
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